

An Artistic Discovery: The Congressional Art Competition

Each spring, a nation-wide high school arts competition is sponsored by the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives. The Artistic Discovery Contest is an opportunity to recognize and encourage the artistic talent in the nation, as well as in each Congressional District.

The Artistic Discovery Contest is open to all high school students. The over-all winner of each district will be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol.

The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982 to provide an opportunity for members of Congress to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of their young constituents. Since then, over 650,000 high school students have been involved with the nationwide competition.

All entries must be an original in concept, design and execution.

Please follow the 2008 Art Competition Guidelines and fill out, print, sign and submit the Student Information/Release Form to your Representative in Congress. To find your correct Representative, refer to the [Find Your Representative](#) page.

- [2009 Art Competition Guidelines \(PDF\)](#)
- [2009 Student Information/Release Form \(PDF\)](#)
- [2009 Travel Information and Scholarship Information \(PDF\)](#)
- [2009 Member Approval Form \(PDF\)](#)

If you would like more information on the annual Congressional District Art Competition—including this year's deadlines—please contact this year's Co-Chairs at ArtComp2008@mail.house.gov